

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 8-13, and 16-20 were pending in the present Application. Applicants appreciate the allowance of Claims 1, 3, 5, 8-13, 16, 18, and 19. Claims 2, 17, and 20 have been amended. In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicant has changed the status of claims 4, 6, 14, and 15. The previously withdrawn claims 4, 6, 14 and 15 have now been canceled. No new matter has been introduced by way of amendment, as support for amendments to Claims 2, 17, and 20 can be found in at least paragraphs [0008] of the Specification as originally filed.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

A. Claims 2, 17, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as his invention, by reciting organic flame retardant salts outside the scope of previously amended Claim 1.

The claims have been amended to delete the organic flame retardant salts outside the scope of previously amended Claim 1, 16, and 19; thereby rendering the rejection moot. Additionally, the term “sulphonate” has been added to Claims 2, 17, and 20 where it had been inadvertently omitted.

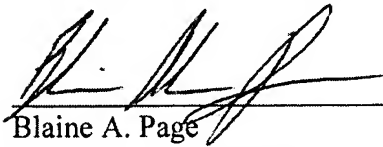
In view of the foregoing, the claims are patentable over the art and allowance is respectfully requested.

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If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-3621.

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